

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, July 5, 2017, 6:00 p.m, Old Schoolhouse Common

Present: Selectboard members Laurie Colgan, Chris Martin and Andy Perchlik; Town Clerk Bobbi Brimblecombe; Listers Meg Eberhardt and James Barlow; Road Crew members Scott Ciampi and Tim Ksepka; Animal Control Officer Cynthia Drinkwine; Visitor: Ken Davis

At 6:00 p.m. the meeting was called to order by Chair Chris Martin

Changes or additions to the agenda: Hollister Hill Apartments, Road Grant, Event Permits

Public Comment: none

Review and Approval of Minutes: Approved the minutes of June 6th and June 20th as drafted

Dog Complaints: Cynthia Drinkwine reported that a dog belonging to Aisha Copeland killed goats belonging to Janet Sing on Pigeon Pond Road. Ms. Copeland agreed to pay for the goats. The Copelands feel that they have been harassed by Ms. Sing. The dog has been given removed from town, but it is not clear whether the dog is removed permanently or just temporarily. Bobbi stated that in the past, the statutes required the town to have the dog destroyed, but those statutes have been repealed. Bobbi will check with VLCT about what the Town's role and responsibilities are.

Cynthia also reported that there are several beagles on Gilman Street that are not licensed. A complaint was made about the living conditions but when she visited, the dogs appeared to be OK. The dogs have not been licensed. Bobbi will send a letter notifying the owners that they need to be licensed.

Tax Map Issue: Ken Davis came to the Selectboard to request a change to the Town's tax maps. He stated that the tax map for his property is incorrect. Conrad Motyka prepared the first forest management plan in 1972, and the orientation of his lot in that plan is consistent with his current plan. He has agreement from the Bickfords, from Dale Wells, and from Caleb Pitkin (although Caleb notes in his letter that he owns the property with 9 other landowners and he hasn't consulted them). The issue came to light when the Vermont Tax Department threatened the Bickfords and Mr. Davis that they would be thrown out of the current use program unless their forest management plan and the town tax maps were in agreement. The Tax Department has since rescinded that decision, but Mr. Davis still wants to get it cleared up. The Board agreed, noting that he now has consent from affected landowners. The Board then discussed the best way to get the maps

corrected. Chris moved to use the Davis, Bickford, and Wells forest management plan maps as a template for the boundary lines to modify the tax maps to make them representative of what is on the ground. Andy seconded – all in favor.

Tax Rates: The Selectboard set the tax rates at 0.6341 for the municipal rate and .0057 for the local agreement rate. The education tax rates (from the State) are 1.7863 for homesteads and 1.6337 for non-residential properties.

Generator: Rich Phillips sent a notice to prospective bidders postponing the bid due date, but not everyone received the notice and one bid was submitted today. The question has been raised whether the generator should be propane (as bid) or diesel. The Board decided not to change the specifications, but will wait to open the bid until July 18th as some prospective bidders may be waiting until that date to submit their bids. Bobbi will make sure the others have been notified.

Overtime Policy: Andy moved to change the policy to state that sick time, holiday time, vacation time, and comp time will count towards hours worked when calculating overtime. Laurie seconded – all in favor.

Road Grant: The Selectboard signed the letter of intent for the road grant.

Event Permits: The Board granted a permit for a wedding on Ennis Hill Road and an event at Water Tower Farm.

Hollister Hill Apartments: The Board asked Bobbi to check with Paul Gillies, to see if he is willing to review the grant and loan documents.

Fuel Bids: The Board received the following bids:

	Propane Floating	Propane Fixed	Diesel Floating	Diesel Fixed	Heating Floating	Heating Fixed
Gillespie	1.2848	1.4398	1.7613	N/A	1.6510	1.9355
Dead River	1.3862	N/A	1.7486	2.0869	1.6971	1.7851

The Board chose Gillespie's floating price for propane, Dead River's floating price for diesel, and Dead River's fixed price for heating fuel.

Dog Warrant: The Board signed the warrant to impound unlicensed dogs.

Expenses, Permits & Payroll: Selectboard members read and signed reports for General Expenses and Payroll.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bobbi Brimblecombe, Town Clerk

The foregoing is a true copy of the Minutes of the July 5, 2017 Selectboard Meeting.
A True Record. Attest, _____, Town Clerk
